performance demonstrated in trials held during Jan-Feb 1993. Subsequently the troop trials held in June-July 1993 have again confirmed good performance of MBT ARJUN.

आयुध कारखानों द्वारा अनुपयोगी शस्त्रों और गोला-बारूद का बेचा जाना

4272. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव :क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1991-92 और 1992-93 के दौरान देश में आयुध निर्माण कारखानों द्वारा अनुपयोगी घोषित कर बेची गई युद्ध सामग्रियों का ब्यौरा क्या है और उनकी बिक्री से कितनी राशि प्राप्त हुई ;

(ख) उनकी बिक्री के बाद ऐसी सामग्री के प्रयोग के लिए किन-किन शर्तों के पालन को अनिवार्य बनाया गया है ;

(ग) युद्धक सामग्री के दुरुपयोग और उक्त शर्तों के पालन के संबंध में कब-कब जांच की गई थी और ऐसी जांच के क्या निष्कर्ष रहे ; और

(घ) उन व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है जो इस संबंध में लगाई गई शर्तों का उल्लंघन करके ऐसी सामग्रियों का दुरुपयोग करते पाए गए थे ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) आयुध निर्माणियां केवल ऐसे हथियार और गोला-बारूद जारी करती हैं जो कि गुणता आश्वासन प्राधिकारियों द्वारा यथाविधि स्वीकृत होते हैं, कोई भी ऐसी मद जारी नहीं की जाती है जिसमें त्रुटि हो । जो हथियार और गोला-बारूद अस्वीकृत हो जाते हैं उनके त्रुटिपूर्ण हिस्से-पुर्जों को निकाल कर उन्हें विकृत कर रद्दी माल के रूप में बेच दिया जाता है ।

(ख) से (घ) उपरोक्त (क) को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Use of royalty of a HMV record

4273. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the fact that all royalties accrued from the sale of HMV Record No. 80219 'Ye Mere Watan Ke Logo' would be used for the benefit of the dependents of those who died on the northern borders;

(b) how much Royalty has been collected on this record so far and how much has been used for the purpose of the dependents of martyrs;

(c) whether it is a fact that some irregularities have been noticed in this matter; and

(d) if so, what is being done, in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Royalties accrued from the sale of HMV Record No. 80219 'Ae Mere Watan Ke Logo' are being used for the Welfare of Disabled Army Personnel, Widows and Orphans of those who sacrificed their lives for defence of the country whether in peace or war.

(b) Whole amount of Rs. 49,166.13 received as royalty upto June 1991 from the 'Gramophone Company of India Ltd.' has been distributed.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Defence Expenditure of Pakistan

4274. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports that Pakistan has allocated to defence about 34.5 per cent of the total current expenditure allocation for 1992-93 which is 7 per cent higher than in the last year;

(b) what are the main areas of thrust in relation to increase defence expenditure and to what extent; and

(c) whether Government have revised the Indian defence allocation in the light of Pakistan's increasing defence expenditure, if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Sir, Pakistan has, allocated 34.6 per cent of the total government expenditure to defence during 1993-94. The amount allocated is 8.4% higher than the amount allocated during 1992-93 (BE).

(b) Pakistan does not publish detailed Head-wise distribution of the Defence Budget. Therefore, the main areas of thrust in relation to increase in Defence Expenditure are not known.

(c) India's Defence Expenditure has declined over the last few years as a percentage of GDP. Having regard to the changing threat

scenario and the availability of resources, the Government takes all appropriate measures to ensure effective Defence preparedness.

Recovery of Gelatine

4275. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that tonnes of gelatine had been taken away from a Government godown in Belgaum ; if so, the steps taken and success achieved in recovery thereof; and

(b) whether gelatine and other explosives have been recovered from various places; if so, the details thereof during the last three months ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No report about gelatine being taken away from a Defence godown in Belgaum, has been received.

(b) The question does not arise.

Disinvestment of PSUs

©4276. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to Mate :

(a) the names of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) who have disinvested a part of their equity capital during the last five years with details of number of equity shares so disinvested their fact value and the price at which each such share disinvested; PSU-wise details thereof;

(b) the names of Stock Exchanges in which such shares have been listed and the respective dates of listing *of* such shares PSU-wise and relevant stock Exchange-wise details ;

(c) the present quotations of the said shares on leading stock exchanges, shar-wise and stock exchange-wise details;

(d) the number of share lodged for transfer with each of the said PSUs since their disinvestment up-to-date ; month-wise details;

(e) whether the said PSUs have appointed any Registrars and Transfer Agents (RTAs) for handling the huge volume of such transfer work; if so, the names and addresses of these RTAs each PSU-wise and their respective dates of appointment; and

(f) the details of remuneration to be paid by the said PSUs to their so appointed RTA, each RTA-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Government disinvested during 1991-92 and 1992-93 a part of its equity holdings in selected PSUs, the PSUs did not disinvest any part of their equity.

(b) to (0 Do not arise, in view of above.

Manufacture of salt in Himachal Pradesh

©©4277. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched a project to manufacture salt by modern technology in the Drung area of the Mandi District of Himachal Pradesh as the percentage of iodine content in the rock-salt of that area is in abundance;

(b) if so, the dates when this project was launched and undertaken by Government;

(c) the details of the amount provided and spent year-wise; and

(d) the latest position with regard to the said mining?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI). (a) and (b) No, Sir. Rock-Salt at Mandi does not contain iodine. However, exploratory work for proving rock-salt deposits at Mandi for establishing a solution Mining cum salt refinery project was taken up by Hindustan Salts Ltd. In 1989-90 in association with Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd.

(c) A slim of Rs. 50 lakhs was provided to Hindustan Salts Ltd. in 1989-90. The amount spent year-wise is as under :—

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